

President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 743 - Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership - S.T.O.P. Fund.

This bill establishes the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership (S.T.O.P) Fund within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. The S.T.O.P. Fund will be used to make grants to counties that submit proposals for substance abuse treatment programs.

House Bill 1205, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me today, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 743.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendenning
Governor

Senate Bill No. 743

AN ACT concerning

Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership - S.T.O.P. Fund and Council

FOR the purpose of creating a Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund; providing for the administration and funding of the Fund; ~~requiring the Governor to establish a Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Council; providing for the membership and staff of the Council;~~ providing for applications and evaluations of requests for partnership funding; specifying that participating jurisdictions are responsible for a certain proportion of costs, ~~not to exceed a certain amount; providing for a specified amount in the State budget for the Fund for certain fiscal years; with certain exceptions not to exceed a certain amount;~~ prohibiting participating counties from supplanting existing levels of spending on drug treatment programs with Partnership funds and providing that Partnership funds may be used only to supplement levels of spending on drug treatment programs; authorizing the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of Health and Mental Hygiene to award Partnership funding without a full match by a county or counties after considering certain factors; requiring the Council Department to adopt certain regulations and issue an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly by a certain date; defining certain terms; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; and generally relating to the Substance Abuse Treatment Outcomes Partnership Fund ~~and Council.~~

BY adding to